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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

May | Wesley S. Noyes, Jr., Editor, Supervisor, Economic Analysis and Reports | 86-5

SUMMARY: Total unemployment decreased by 710 from mid-April to mid-May. The latest total of 18,010 unemployed represents 3.2 percent of the civilian labor force of 562,550. A year ago there were 21,280 unemployed and a rate of 4.0 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.0 percent in May and 7.0 percent a year ago. Based on the latest data available by state, (April 1986), New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for the past nine consecutive months.

Employment increases in construction were recorded during May as housing starts continued a vigorous pace and highway repair and construction expanded. Trade and services jobs also increased as seasonal jobs were filled signalling the start up of the forthcoming summer tourist season. Manufacturing experienced some layoffs particularly in the electrical products and machinery industries. Overall, seven areas experienced decreased unemployment while five areas experienced increased unemployment. The largest unemployment decrease was 440 in the Littleton Labor Market Area as seasonal jobs became available in construction, trade and services. The largest unemployment increase occurred in the Manchester Metropolitan Statistical Area as 300 more workers lost their jobs. The rates of unemployment ranged from 1.9 percent in the Claremont Labor Market Area to 6.1 percent in the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MSA).

Compared to a year ago, all areas except the Manchester MSA experienced unemployment decreases with the largest decrease of 1,240 occurring in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. - Maine MSA. The Manchester area recorded an unemployment increase from a year ago of 220. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 24,100 workers as manufacturing lost 2,150 and nonmanufacturing gained 26,250 over the year. Service increased 8,200, construction 6,900, and trade 6,450.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment increased by 300 from April as the rate increased to 3.1 from 2.7 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 250 from April and by 1,950 from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing is up 2,800 workers while manufacturing is down 850. Construction has increased by 700 workers from last year, trade 400, and services 900. In the manufacturing sector, machinery and electrical products lost 550 jobs during the year.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment increased by 150 from April as the rate went from 3.3 to 3.4 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.6 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment remained unchanged from April and is up 150 over last year's level. While manufacturing has lost 800 jobs over the year, nonmanufacturing has gained 950. While services is up 350, machinery and electrical products is down 600.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	Month	Year	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	Month	Year	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	562,550	559,490	528,760	3,060	33,790	83,280	83,410	79,200	-130	4,080	89,820	89,820	88,290	0	1,530
2. Unemployment	18,010	18,720	21,280	-710	-3,270	2,580	2,280	2,360	300	220	3,090	2,940	3,140	150	-50
Percent of labor force	3.2	3.3	4.0	xxx	xxx	3.1	2.7	3.0	xxx	xxx	3.4	3.3	3.6	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	544,400	540,590	507,480	3,810	36,920	80,650	81,080	76,840	-430	3,810	86,715	86,865	85,150	-150	1,565
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	140	180	0	-40	140	50	50	0	0	50	15	15	0	0	15
Nonagri. wage & salary**	485,050	479,850	460,950	5,200	24,100	81,150	80,900	79,200	250	1,950	83,650	83,650	83,500	0	150
Manufacturing	120,800	121,200	122,950	-400	-2,150	14,700	14,550	15,550	150	-850	36,600	36,800	37,400	-200	-800
Durable goods	83,300	83,650	84,350	-350	-1,050	9,000	9,000	9,200	0	-200	30,350	30,550	31,050	-200	-700
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,800	5,700	-50	50										
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,550	0	150										
Stone & clay prods.	3,100	3,000	3,050	100	50										
Primary metal prods.	4,350	4,450	4,300	-100	50										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,000	7,000	7,150	0	-150										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,600	25,750	25,850	-150	-250	5,300	5,350	5,850	-50	-550	22,950	23,150	23,550	-200	-600
Electrical prods.	24,250	24,500	25,900	-250	-1,650										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,250	2,200	2,200	50	50										
Other durables	9,300	9,250	8,650	50	650	3,700	3,650	3,350	50	350	7,400	7,400	7,500	0	-100
Nondurable goods	37,500	37,550	38,600	-50	-1,100	5,700	5,550	6,350	150	-650	6,250	6,250	6,350	0	-100
Food & kindred prods.	3,250	3,250	3,000	0	250										
Textile mill prods.	3,600	3,650	3,650	-50	-50	1,500	1,450	1,700	50	-200					
Apparel	2,400	2,450	2,500	-50	-100										
Paper & allied prods.	5,500	5,500	5,600	0	-100										
Print., pub. & allied	7,150	7,100	7,300	50	-150										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,250	5,300	5,600	-50	-350										
Other nondurables	10,350	10,300	10,950	50	-600	4,200	4,100	4,650	100	-450					
Nonmanufacturing	364,250	358,650	338,000	5,600	26,250	66,450	66,350	63,650	100	2,800	47,050	46,850	46,100	200	950
Construction (inc. min.)	37,800	36,000	30,900	1,800	6,900	5,300	5,350	4,600	-50	700	4,000	3,800	3,950	200	50
Trans., comm. & util.	*15,450	*15,250	15,550	200	-100	*4,750	*4,750	4,650	0	100	*2,150	*2,200	2,050	-50	100
Trade	116,900	114,850	110,450	2,050	6,450	21,350	21,350	20,950	0	400	16,800	16,800	17,050	0	-250
Fin., ins. & real estate	27,400	27,050	25,050	350	2,350	7,400	7,300	6,950	100	450	2,800	2,750	2,650	50	150
Service industry & other	104,650	103,500	96,450	1,150	8,200	19,800	19,750	18,900	50	900	15,100	15,150	14,750	-50	350
Government	62,050	62,000	59,600	50	2,450	7,850	7,850	7,600	0	250	6,200	6,150	5,650	50	550
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,500	0	0	2,400	2,400	2,200	0	200	800	750	750	50	50
State	16,950	16,900	16,750	50	200	850	850	850	0	0	250	250	200	0	-50
Local	37,000	37,000	35,350	0	1,650	4,600	4,600	4,550	0	50	5,150	5,150	4,700	0	450

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment
Benchmark March 1985

Labor Disputes:

* May 1986 Industry 40-140 Workers on Strike not included

*April 1986 Industry 40-180 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-50 Workers on Strike not included

* April 1986 Industry 40-50 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-15 Workers on Strike not included

* April 1986 Industry 40-15 Workers on Strike not included

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	May 1986		April 1986		May 1985				May	April	May		
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	1986	1986	1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,158	7.0	8,115	7.0	8,011	7.0	43	147	117,199	116,316	114,890	883	2,309
NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,010	3.2	18,720	3.3	21,280	4.0	-710	-3,270	562,550	559,490	528,760	3,060	33,790
BERLIN LMA	1,200	4.8	1,550	6.2	1,350	6.0	-350	-150	24,970	25,070	22,620	-100	2,350
CLAREMONT LMA	710	1.9	800	2.1	1,320	3.7	-90	-610	38,140	38,080	35,490	60	2,650
CONCORD LMA	1,040	2.0	1,070	2.1	1,190	2.5	-30	-150	51,180	51,360	46,780	-180	4,400
KEENE LMA	990	2.4	1,040	2.5	1,180	3.1	-50	-190	41,230	41,160	37,880	70	3,350
LACONIA LMA	1,040	2.0	1,260	2.5	1,560	3.3	-220	-520	50,830	49,690	47,020	1,140	3,810
LITTLETON LMA	680	4.0	1,120	6.5	1,000	6.5	-440	-320	16,850	17,120	15,380	-270	1,470
MANCHESTER MSA	2,580	3.1	2,280	2.7	2,360	3.0	300	220	83,280	83,410	79,200	-130	4,080
NASHUA PMSA	3,090	3.4	2,940	3.3	3,140	3.6	150	-50	89,820	89,820	88,290	0	1,530
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,710	6.1	2,570	5.8	2,950	7.0	140	-240	44,150	44,370	41,930	-220	2,220
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,310	2.6	3,630	2.9	4,550	3.8	-320	1,240	127,290	124,840	119,360	2,450	7,930
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	680	3.7	630	3.5	770	4.5	50	-90	18,550	17,780	17,020	770	1,530
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	290	5.9	230	4.7	270	5.8	60	20	4,910	4,860	4,670	50	240
County													
BELKNAP	600	2.3	700	2.7	910	3.8	-100	-310	26,080	25,530	24,170	550	1,910
CARROLL	370	2.2	460	2.7	550	3.5	-90	-180	17,150	16,900	15,710	250	1,440
CHESHIRE	900	2.4	930	2.5	1,100	3.2	-30	-200	36,890	36,820	33,930	70	2,960
COOS	1,220	5.8	1,690	8.0	1,250	6.6	-470	-30	20,880	21,140	18,820	-260	2,060
GRAFTON	900	2.4	1,290	3.4	1,360	3.9	-390	-460	38,060	37,990	35,000	70	3,060
HILLSBOROUGH	5,830	3.4	5,380	3.1	5,690	3.4	450	140	174,020	173,840	167,490	180	6,530
MERRIMACK	1,220	2.0	1,220	2.0	1,490	2.7	0	-270	60,510	60,430	55,760	80	4,750
ROCKINGHAM	5,000	4.4	4,710	4.2	5,110	4.8	290	-110	113,210	112,030	106,180	1,180	7,030
STRAFFORD	1,560	2.8	1,880	3.4	2,890	5.4	-320	-1,330	55,990	55,080	53,110	910	2,880
SULLIVAN	410	2.1	460	2.3	930	5.0	-50	-520	19,760	19,730	18,590	30	1,170

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

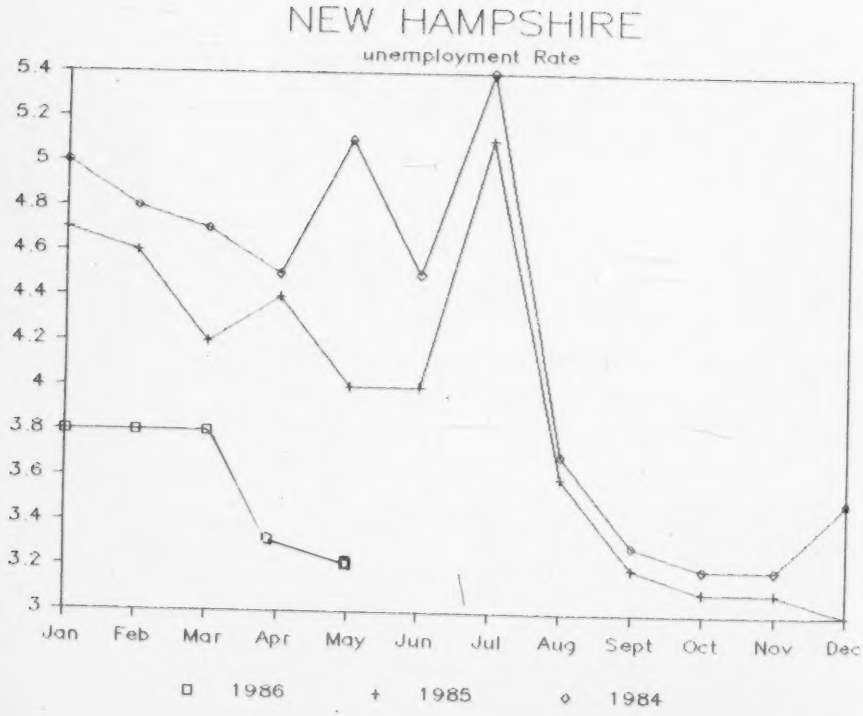
*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - May	321.4			
Percent change from year ago	1.1			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - May	326.3			
Percent change from year ago	1.7			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

EXHIBIT 7

PROJECTIONS OF OCCUPATIONAL EMPLOYMENT AND
AVERAGE ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS BY
MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY, 1983 and 1995

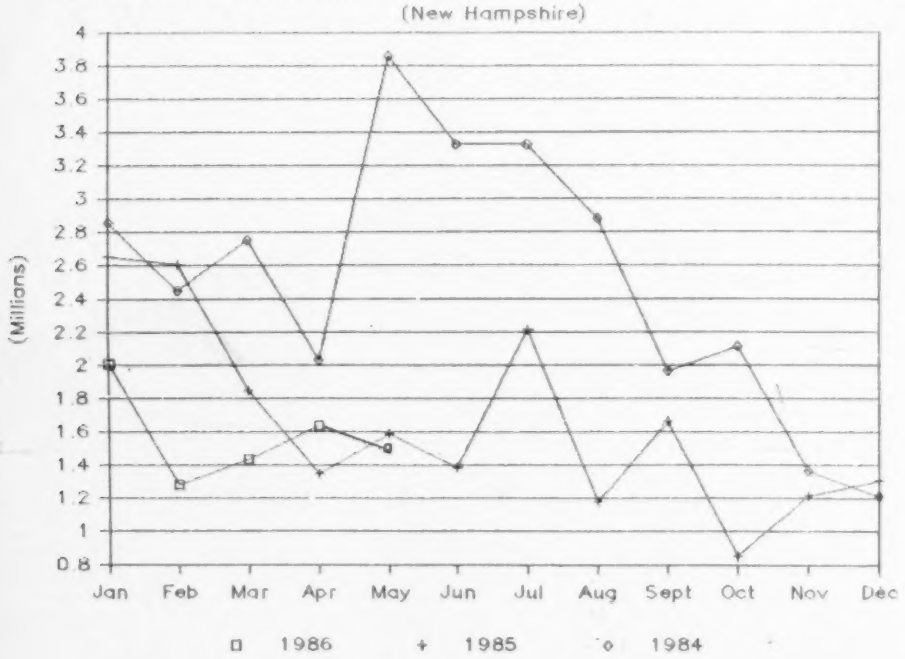
Code	Occupational Category	Employment 1983	Employment 1995	Growth Rate	Average Job Open. Annual Total	Average Job Open. Expansion Only
	All Occupations	436,002	638,612	3.9	34,467	16,900
2	Managers and administrators	39,588	59,272	4.1	3,535	1,642
24	Management support occupations	10,071	15,149	4.2	797	424
51	Engineers, architects, surveyors	7,343	11,723	5.0	569	365
75	Natural, computer and math scientist	1,714	2,623	4.4	95	76
93	Social scientists	568	726	2.3	34	14
99	Social, recreational & religious workers	3,311	4,056	1.9	253	62
106	Lawyers and judges	1,287	1,956	4.3	144	56
111	Teachers, librarians, counselors	21,262	30,457	3.6	1,264	768
150	Health diagnosing and treating occupations	11,698	17,653	4.2	983	497
170	Writers, artist, entertainers, & athletes	3,094	4,790	4.6	287	141
192	Health technicians and technologists	4,441	6,703	4.2	317	189
210	Engineering & science technicians, technol.	6,210	9,815	4.8	454	299
227	Other technicians and technologists	6,118	9,364	4.4	430	269
253	Marketing and sales occupations	46,924	74,535	4.9	4,543	2,302
276	Administrative support occupations	74,172	110,933	4.1	5,777	3,065
374	Cleaning & building service occupations	10,856	16,309	4.2	1,496	454
379	Food and beverage prep. and service occup.	32,731	49,335	4.2	2,866	1,385
396	Health service & related occupations	5,864	8,334	3.5	406	206
406	Personal service occupations	4,916	6,583	2.8	372	140
429	Protective service occupations	7,333	8,983	1.9	568	136
456	All other service occupations	3,328	4,585	3.1	257	105
467	Agriculture, forestry, and fishing occup.	3,412	4,409	2.4	251	82
498	Blue collar worker supervisors	6,479	8,604	2.7	399	177
505	Construction trades and extractive workers	17,368	23,015	2.7	991	470
559	Mechanics, installers, and repairers	17,215	23,837	3.2	1,069	556
624	Precision production occupations	14,854	22,491	4.3	1,460	636
685	Machine set-up operators, & tenders	28,744	38,989	3.0	1,867	861
789	Hand working occupations - assembly & fabr.	18,923	30,291	5.0	1,570	949
820	Plant and system occupations	441	528	1.6	22	7
833	Transportation & mat. moving mach. operators	15,588	20,019	2.4	927	368
890	Helpers, laborers, & material movers, hand	10,149	12,545	2.0	464	199

SOURCE: New Hampshire Employment Outlook 1983 - 1995

Weekly Claims Filed During May 1986
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,505	12,336	8	29	10	11	14	43	19	79
Berlin	138	1,112	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Claremont	86	334	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0
Concord	122	525	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Conway	47	221	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	353	1,274	2	2	2	0	2	10	8	17
Keene	148	572	1	2	0	4	2	0	1	1
Laconia	130	570	0	3	1	1	1	7	1	1
Lebanon	34	140	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Littleton	145	657	0	5	2	0	1	3	0	0
Manchester	428	2,216	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2
Nashua	278	1,272	0	0	2	0	1	6	0	4
Portsmouth	280	1,517	0	5	0	0	1	7	5	21
Salem	97	385	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Liable Interstate	219	1,541	2	1	0	0	1	6	3	31

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $116.19



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$131,696,468.72

Net contributions received during month:

$ 4,379,523.52

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,522,802.54

Interest Received:

$ 3,097,342.75

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985
All manufacturing	$359.92	$356.33	$334.06	40.9	40.4	40.2	$8.80	$8.82	$8.31
Durable goods	374.67	368.42	345.82	41.4	40.8	40.4	9.05	9.03	8.56
Lumber & wood prods.	271.72	263.03	258.57	39.9	39.2	39.0	6.81	6.71	6.63
Furniture & fixtures	290.14	288.23	263.10	39.8	41.0	36.9	7.29	7.03	7.13
Stone & clay prods.	364.65	347.32	338.44	42.9	41.2	42.2	8.50	8.43	8.02
Primary metal prods.	395.71	408.83	360.74	43.2	43.4	40.9	9.16	9.42	8.82
Fab. metal prods.	347.53	339.83	312.03	39.9	39.7	39.8	8.71	8.56	7.84
Mach. (exc. elec.)	411.34	408.53	382.79	43.9	43.6	43.4	9.37	9.37	8.82
Electrical prods.	403.38	386.28	359.04	40.5	38.9	38.4	9.96	9.93	9.35
Miscellaneous prods.	262.43	266.19	279.28	38.2	38.3	42.9	6.87	6.95	6.51
Other durables	359.70	369.65	350.80	40.1	40.8	40.0	8.97	9.06	8.77
Nondurable goods	331.60	332.29	310.04	40.0	39.7	39.8	8.29	8.37	7.79
Food & kindred prods.	398.43	397.70	393.46	39.1	38.8	41.2	10.19	10.25	9.55
Textile mill prods.	307.42	306.18	269.40	41.6	42.0	39.1	7.39	7.29	6.89
Apparel	221.63	219.78	207.43	37.5	37.0	36.2	5.91	5.94	5.73
Paper & allied prods.	466.51	460.13	432.89	47.7	47.0	46.9	9.78	9.79	9.23
Print., pub. & allied	355.64	352.28	312.24	38.2	38.5	38.5	9.31	9.15	8.11
Leather & lea. prods.	197.80	184.43	195.64	34.4	32.3	35.7	5.75	5.71	5.48
Footwear	181.78	165.85	184.79	33.6	31.0	35.4	5.41	5.35	5.22
Other nondurables	345.47	364.15	333.28	40.5	41.1	40.3	8.53	8.86	8.27

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 83,300

Firms Reporting: 351

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985
All manufacturing	$346.72	$352.15	$318.00	39.4	40.2	39.7	$8.80	$8.76	$8.01
Durable goods	359.99	365.38	343.94	39.3	39.5	39.9	9.16	9.25	8.62
Mach. & elec. prods.	363.77	368.34	343.08	39.8	40.3	39.8	9.14	9.14	8.62
Other durables	353.82	361.52	344.40	38.5	38.5	40.0	9.19	9.39	8.61
Nondurable goods	326.73	330.79	282.10	39.7	41.4	39.4	8.23	7.99	7.16
Textiles & apparel	279.30	301.44	251.37	38.9	42.1	37.8	7.18	7.16	6.65
Other nondurables	344.80	341.95	293.20	40.0	41.1	40.0	8.62	8.32	7.33

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 60%

Total Production Workers: 10,900

Firms Reporting: 48

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985	May 1986	April 1986	May 1985
All manufacturing	$441.83	$424.85	$397.13	41.8	40.5	40.4	$10.57	$10.49	$9.83
Durable goods	454.10	431.26	404.09	42.4	40.8	40.9	10.71	10.57	9.88
Mach. & elec. prods.	498.80	470.09	435.23	43.0	40.7	40.6	11.60	11.55	10.72
Other durables	354.69	343.60	328.64	41.1	41.1	41.6	8.63	8.36	7.90
Nondurable goods	396.21	402.73	370.17	39.7	39.6	38.6	9.98	10.17	9.59

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 57%

Total Production Workers: 20,450

Firms Reporting: 68

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending May 31, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	10,496	5,069	1,050	536	1,551	679
Prof., Tech.						
Managerial (00-19)	1,498	551	108	51	298	97
Clerical (20-24)	1,929	1,600	196	172	312	267
Sales (25-29)	535	256	75	37	66	34
Services (3)	1,722	1,086	231	152	177	112
Farm (4)	147	24	19	4	8	1
Processing (5)	195	67	9	3	33	17
Machine Trade (6)	927	334	108	31	111	32
Benchwork (7)	1,109	792	82	57	112	82
Structural (8)	1,450	119	120	3	315	18
Miscellaneous (9)	952	225	99	25	116	17
Unclassified	32	15	3	1	3	2

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	May 1986	April 1986	July 1, 1985 to May 31, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,497	2,681	20,586
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,602	2,722	27,028
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,676	2,384	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	954	1,032	13,084

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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

June

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment increased by 320 from May reaching a total unemployed of 18,330 in June. The unemployment rate remained at 3.2 percent. A year ago there were 21,920 unemployed and the rate was 4.0 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.1 percent in June and 7.5 percent a year ago. Based on the latest data available by state, May 1986, New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of all the states for ten consecutive months.

Four areas experienced unemployment decreases from May, the largest of which occurred in the Berlin area with 470 fewer unemployed as the result of seasonal employment gains in trade and services. Seven areas had unemployment increases led by the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA) with 450 more jobless. This was due primarily to the layoffs at the Seabrook Nuclear Power project and some high tech layoffs of N.H. residents working in Massachusetts. Overall, seasonal employment gains in trade and services is indicative of the beginning of the summer tourist season. Also, construction jobs increased from May indicating the continued strength of this industry. Statewide unemployment rates ranged from a low of 2.1 percent in the Laconia Labor Market Area to a high of 7.0 percent in the Salem area.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 9,700 from May as manufacturing was up 400 and nonmanufacturing 9,300. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment has increased 22,950 workers as manufacturing lost 2,900 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 25,850. Electrical products lost 2,000 jobs during the year, trade gained 6,450, construction 6,200, and services 7,950.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 250 from May and the rate dropped from 3.1 to 2.8 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.0 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 450 from May and by 1,350 from a year ago. While manufacturing lost 1,100 jobs during the year, nonmanufacturing gained 2,450. Services is up 900 and construction 550.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment increased by 120 from May as the unemployment rate went from 3.4 to 3.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 4.1 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 950 workers from May, but is down 250 from the year ago level. While manufacturing is down 800 jobs from last year, nonmanufacturing is up 550. In manufacturing, machinery and electrical products decreased by 500. In nonmanufacturing, services increased by 250.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	571,730	562,550	541,990	9,180	29,740	82,590	83,280	80,050	-690	2,540	90,490	89,820	90,190	670	300
2. Unemployment	18,330	18,010	21,920	320	-3,590	2,330	2,580	2,430	-250	-100	3,210	3,090	3,740	120	-530
Percent of labor force	3.2	3.2	4.0	xxx	xxx	2.8	3.1	3.0	xxx	xxx	3.5	3.4	4.1	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	553,400	544,400	520,070	9,000	33,330	80,260	80,650	77,620	-390	2,640	87,280	86,690	86,450	590	830
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	140	0	-140	0	0	50	0	-50	0	0	40	0	- 40	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	494,500	484,800	471,550	9,700	22,950	81,450	81,000	80,100	450	1,350	84,600	83,650	84,850	950	-250
Manufacturing	120,900	120,900	123,800	400	-2,900	14,400	14,500	15,500	-100	-1,100	36,950	36,550	37,750	400	-800
Durable goods	83,450	83,300	84,800	150	-1,350	8,750	8,950	9,200	-200	- 450	30,700	30,350	31,350	350	-650
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,750	5,900	0	- 150										
Furniture & fixtures	1,700	1,700	1,500	0	200										
Stone & clay prods.	3,050	3,100	3,050	-50	0										
Primary metal prods.	4,450	4,400	4,300	50	150										
Fabricated metal prods.	7,050	7,000	7,250	50	- 200										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	26,050	25,600	25,900	450	150	5,100	5,300	5,800	-200	- 700	23,200	22,950	23,700	250	-500
Electrical prods.	23,900	24,200	25,900	-300	-2,000										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,250	2,250	-100	- 100										
Other durables	9,350	9,300	8,750	50	600	3,650	3,650	3,400	0	250	7,500	7,400	7,650	100	-150
Nondurable goods	37,450	37,200	39,000	250	-1,550	5,650	5,550	6,300	100	- 650	6,250	6,200	6,400	50	-150
Food & kindred prods.	3,300	3,200	3,100	100	200										
Textile mill prods.	3,650	3,600	3,700	50	- 50	1,500	1,500	1,700	0	- 200					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,550	0	- 150										
Paper & allied prods.	5,600	5,500	5,700	100	- 100										
Print., pub. & allied	7,050	7,150	7,300	-100	- 250										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,150	5,050	5,700	100	- 550										
Other nondurables	10,300	10,300	10,950	0	650	4,150	4,050	4,600	100	- 450					
Nonmanufacturing	373,600	364,300	347,750	9,300	25,850	67,050	66,500	64,600	550	2,450	47,650	47,100	47,100	550	550
Construction (inc. min.)	39,150	37,800	32,950	1,350	6,200	5,400	5,300	4,850	100	550	4,100	4,000	4,100	100	0
Trans., comm. & util.	16,050	15,500*	15,950	550	100	4,900	*4,800	4,750	100	150	2,200	*2,150	2,100	50	100
Trade	120,450	116,900	114,000	3,550	6,450	21,400	21,350	21,250	50	150	16,900	16,850	17,350	50	-450
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,050	27,400	25,600	650	2,450	7,550	7,400	7,100	150	450	2,850	2,750	2,700	100	150
Service industry & other	108,300	104,650	100,350	3,650	7,950	19,900	19,800	19,000	100	900	15,350	15,150	15,100	200	250
Government	61,600	62,050	58,900	-450	2,700	7,900	7,850	7,650	50	250	6,250	6,200	5,750	50	500
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,700	0	400	2,350	2,400	2,250	- 50	100	800	800	800	0	0
State	15,800	16,950	15,700	-1,150	100	850	850	850	0	0	200	250	200	- 50	0
Local	37,700	37,000	35,500	700	2,200	4,700	4,600	4,550	100	150	5,250	5,150	4,750	100	500

* By place of residence

** By place of establishment Benchmark

Labor Disputes:

* May 1986 Industry 40-140 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-50 Workers on Strike not included

* May 1986 Industry 40-40 Workers on Strike not included

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

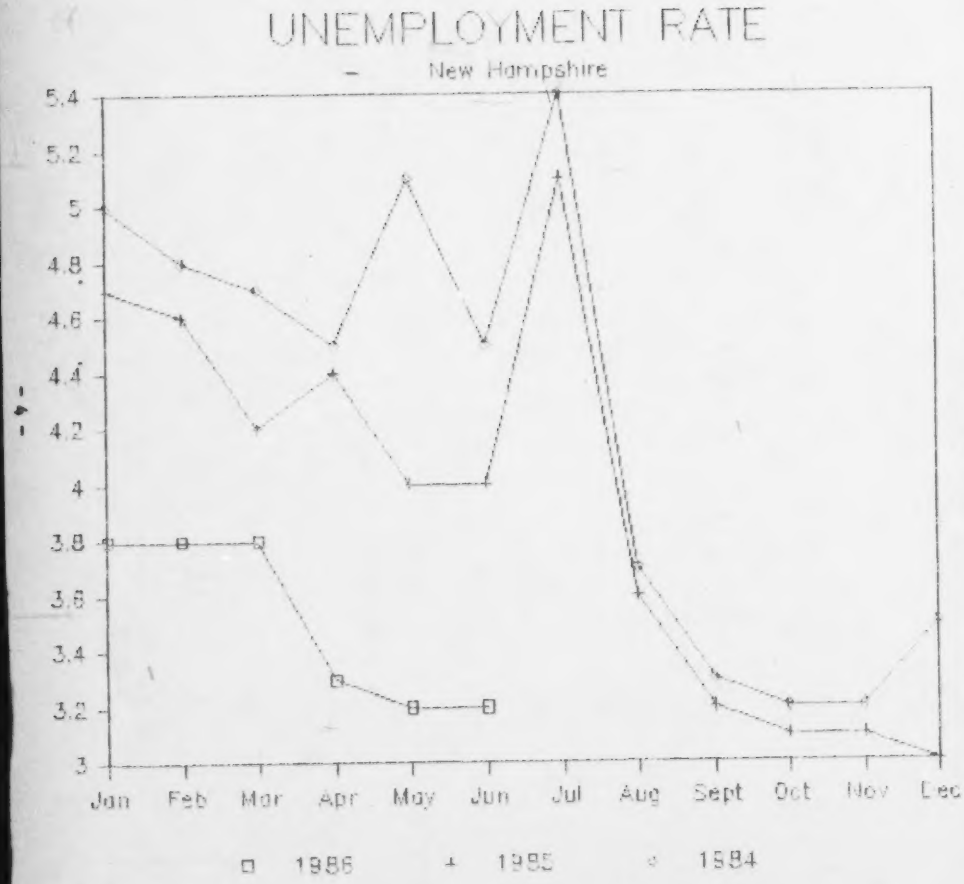
Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	June Number	1986 Rate	May Number	1986 Rate	June Number	1985 Rate	Month	Year	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,443	7.1	8,158	7.0	8,753	7.5	285	-310	118,116	117,199	116,572	917	1,544
NEW HAMPSHIRE	18,330	3.2	18,010	3.2	21,920	4.0	320	-3,590	571,730	562,550	541,990	9,180	29,740
BERLIN LMA	730	2.8	1,200	4.8	1,100	4.6	-470	-370	25,750	24,970	23,750	780	2,000
CLAREMONT LMA	980	2.5	710	1.9	1,310	3.6	270	-330	39,150	38,140	36,220	1,010	2,930
CONCORD LMA	1,150	2.2	1,040	2.0	1,840	3.8	110	-690	51,530	51,180	48,010	350	3,520
KEENE LMA	1,100	2.7	990	2.4	1,460	3.8	110	-360	41,270	41,230	38,410	40	2,860
LACONIA LMA	1,100	2.1	1,040	2.0	1,420	2.9	60	-320	52,830	50,830	49,250	2,000	3,580
LITTLETON LMA	550	3.1	680	4.0	740	4.5	-130	-190	17,950	16,850	16,430	1,100	1,520
MANCHESTER MSA	2,330	2.8	2,580	3.1	2,430	3.0	-250	-100	82,590	83,280	80,050	-690	2,540
NASHUA PMSA	3,210	3.5	3,090	3.4	3,740	4.1	120	-530	90,490	89,820	90,190	670	300
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	3,160	7.0	2,710	6.1	2,630	6.2	450	530	44,910	44,150	42,140	760	2,770
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	3,500	2.7	3,310	2.6	4,530	3.7	190	-1,030	130,890	127,290	122,910	3,600	7,980
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	680	3.6	680	3.7	870	4.9	0	-190	19,020	18,550	17,740	470	1,280
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	150	3.2	290	5.9	290	6.2	-140	-140	4,750	4,910	4,690	-160	60
County													
BELKNAP	580	2.1	600	2.3	820	3.3	-20	-240	27,000	26,080	25,230	920	1,770
CARROLL	320	1.8	370	2.2	460	2.8	-50	-140	17,850	17,150	16,500	700	1,350
CHESHIRE	1,020	2.8	900	2.4	1,370	4.0	120	-350	36,950	36,890	34,420	60	2,530
COOS	750	3.5	1,220	5.8	1,050	5.3	-470	-300	21,540	20,880	19,860	660	1,680
GRAFTON	930	2.3	900	2.4	1,190	3.3	30	-260	39,700	38,060	36,590	1,640	3,110
HILLSBOROUGH	5,530	3.2	5,830	3.4	6,330	3.7	-300	-800	174,000	174,020	170,280	-20	3,720
MERRIMACK	1,360	2.2	1,220	2.0	2,070	3.6	140	-710	61,200	60,510	57,340	690	3,860
ROCKINGHAM	5,550	4.8	5,000	4.4	5,110	4.7	550	440	115,540	113,210	108,430	2,330	7,110
STRAFFORD	1,700	2.9	1,560	2.8	2,630	4.8	140	-930	57,630	55,990	54,410	1,640	3,220
SULLIVAN	590	2.9	410	2.1	890	4.7	180	-300	20,320	19,760	18,930	560	1,390

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - June	323.0			
Percent change from year ago	1.3			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month -	327.9			
Percent change from year ago	1.7			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

STAFFING PATTERNS
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE
(SIC 50 - 59)

Occupational Title	OES Code	JUNE 1985 Estimated Employment	Percent Of Total
Total All Occupations	-	114,170	100.0
Managers and Administrators	10000-19999	9,519	8.3
Professional, Paraprofessional and Technical Occupations	20000-39999	3,204	2.8
Sales Occupations	40000-49999	41,287	36.2
Clerical and Administrative Support Occupations	50000-59999	13,774	12.1
Service Occupations	60000-69999	31,181	27.3
Agricultural, Forestry, Fishing, and Related Occupations	70000-79999	114	0.1
Production, Construction, Operating, Maintenance and Material Handling Occupations	80000-98999	15,091	13.2

SOURCE: Occupational Employment Statistics Survey - 1985.

Publication to be available next couple of months.

A total of 1,799 out of a sample of 2,367 wholesale and retail trade firms participated in the survey. This represented a 76 percent respone. The sample employment was 58,201 and the survey participants reported employment of 43,677. Segments of the economy are surveyed every year and specific industries are only surveyed once every three years to complete the cycle. This year manufacturing and hospitals are being surveyed.

Weekly Claims Filed During June
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	4,577	11,089	10	34	12	24	39	69	13	66
Berlin	149	526	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Claremont	190	266	1	0	0	11	1	0	0	0
Concord	245	622	3	1	2	0	5	14	0	0
Conway	56	170	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	0
Dover	663	1,176	3	0	2	1	7	17	3	20
Keene	233	536	1	4	2	7	0	3	1	4
Laconia	456	550	0	4	0	0	7	11	0	0
Lebanon	30	98	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3
Littleton	231	402	0	1	3	2	3	6	0	0
Manchester	747	1,790	0	6	0	0	3	0	4	0
Nashua	747	1,305	0	9	1	0	1	3	0	4
Portsmouth	384	1,497	1	1	0	0	7	15	0	18
Salem	261	575	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	185	1,576	1	7	0	0	0	0	5	17

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $120.51

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$130,814,685.31

Net contributions received during month:

$197,202.43

Net benefits paid during month:

$1,078,985.84

Interest Received:

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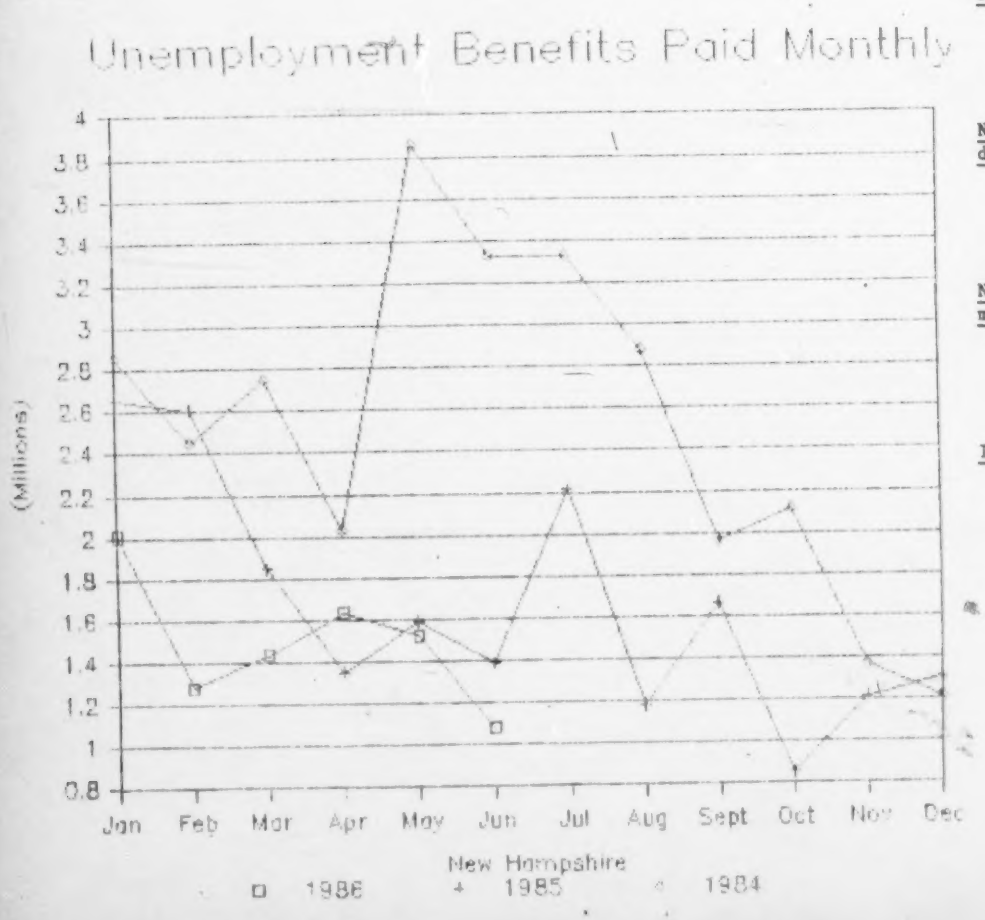

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$358.52	$357.06	$340.17	41.4	40.9	40.4	$ 8.66	$ 8.73	$ 8.42
Durable goods	371.23	368.81	351.48	41.9	41.3	40.4	8.86	8.93	8.70
Lumber & wood prods.	272.43	275.12	258.69	40.3	40.4	38.9	6.76	6.81	6.65
Furniture & fixtures	284.65	290.14	272.50	39.1	39.8	37.9	7.28	7.29	7.19
Stone & clay prods.	351.12	364.66	339.29	41.8	42.8	42.2	8.40	8.52	8.04
Primary metal prods.	412.66	412.34	364.49	43.9	44.1	41.0	9.40	9.35	8.89
Fab. metal prods.	352.23	347.53	324.01	39.8	39.9	40.4	8.85	8.71	8.02
Mach. (exc. elec.)	391.55	410.41	391.87	43.7	43.8	43.3	8.96	9.37	9.05
Electrical prods.	409.17	380.40	363.47	42.8	40.0	38.3	9.56	9.51	9.49
Miscellaneous prods.	263.34	262.43	251.90	38.5	38.2	38.4	6.84	6.87	6.56
Other durables	357.01	359.30	363.74	39.8	40.1	41.1	8.97	8.96	8.85
Nondurable goods	$333.30	$332.83	$316.37	40.4	40.1	40.2	$ 8.25	$ 8.30	$ 7.87
Food & kindred prods.	405.59	399.60	389.91	41.9	39.1	41.0	9.68	10.22	9.51
Textile mill prods.	305.12	307.01	274.56	40.2	41.6	39.0	7.59	7.38	7.04
Apparel	227.78	220.82	216.82	37.9	37.3	37.0	6.01	5.92	5.86
Paper & allied prods.	468.50	465.55	450.08	48.2	47.7	48.5	9.72	9.76	9.28
Print., pub. & allied	356.66	354.92	319.22	38.6	38.0	38.6	9.24	9.34	8.27
Leather & lea. prods.	203.99	202.27	204.05	35.6	35.3	37.1	5.73	5.73	5.50
Footwear	188.81	187.38	191.73	34.9	34.7	36.8	5.41	5.40	5.21
Other nondurables	343.85	348.80	336.44	40.8	40.7	40.1	8.49	8.57	8.39

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 51%

Total Production Workers: 83,400

Firms Reporting: 343

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$357.00	$350.72	$323.14	40.8	39.9	39.6	$ 8.75	$ 8.79	$ 8.16
Durable goods	371.99	359.99	345.54	39.7	39.3	39.4	9.37	9.16	8.77
Mach. & elec. prods.	381.64	363.77	349.27	40.6	39.8	39.6	9.40	9.14	8.82
Other durables	360.52	353.82	338.43	38.6	38.5	38.9	9.34	9.19	8.70
Nondurable goods	332.78	335.38	292.80	42.5	40.9	40.0	7.83	8.20	7.32
Textiles & apparel	303.26	279.30	263.42	41.6	38.9	39.2	7.29	7.18	6.72
Other nondurables	344.49	357.37	302.30	42.9	41.7	40.2	8.03	8.57	7.52

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 10,700

Firms Reporting: 44

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985	June 1986	May 1986	June 1985
All manufacturing	$400.20	$400.93	$405.96	40.1	39.5	40.8	$ 9.98	$10.15	$ 9.95
Durable goods	402.19	400.47	415.24	40.3	39.3	41.4	9.98	10.19	10.03
Mach. & elec. prods.	417.91	421.19	449.08	39.5	38.5	41.2	10.58	10.94	10.90
Other durables	364.17	351.07	333.94	42.1	41.4	41.9	8.65	8.48	7.97
Nondurable goods	393.00	397.80	368.26	39.3	39.9	38.4	10.00	9.97	9.59

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 55%

Total Production Workers: 21,600

Firms Reporting: 71

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending June 30, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,538	4,707	1,699	908	827	400
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,434	540	185	82	197	59
Clerical (20-24)	1,835	1,518	302	236	169	128
Sales (25-29)	472	232	96	46	56	20
Services (3)	1,578	1,017	239	155	106	66
Farm (4)	113	16	13	1	8	0
Processing (5)	154	49	39	10	21	3
Machine Trade (6)	769	274	177	84	56	18
Benchwork (7)	1,012	741	314	226	104	76
Structural (8)	1,314	106	195	25	55	8
Miscellaneous (9)	835	202	137	42	70	18
Unclassified	22	12	2	1	5	4

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	June 1986	May 1986	July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,645	2,497	23,231
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,565	2,602	29,593
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,635	2,676	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	1,068	954	14,152

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment in New Hampshire increased by 3,220 from mid-June to mid-July. The latest total of 21,550 unemployed represents 3.7 percent of the civilian labor force of 576,060. A year ago there were 28,290 unemployed and the rate was 5.1 percent. Nationally the rates were 7.0 percent in July, 7.1 percent in June and 7.4 percent a year ago. Based on the latest data available by state, June 1986, New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for the last eleven months.

Factory jobs decreased statewide due primarily to workers filing for unemployment compensation as a result of vacation plant shutdowns. Those that filed were ineligible for vacation pay due to insufficient time on the job. Layoffs continued at the Seabrook Nuclear Power Project as specific project phases continue to be completed. Some of the losses in manufacturing were offset by employment gains in nonmanufacturing. Trade and services increased substantially as tourism approached peek levels in some areas. These included eating and drinking establishments in the seacoast, lakes and mountain resort areas as well as summer youth camps. Many of these establishments hire students and teachers for the summer season. Nine labor market areas reported higher unemployment levels in July, the largest of which (1,750) occurred in the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester N.H. PF. MSA. The rates of unemployment ranged from a low of 2.3 percent in the Claremont LMA to a high of 6.6 percent in the Salem area (N.H. Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill MA. PMSA).

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 3,000 from June as manufacturing was down 4,050 while nonmanufacturing was up 1,050. Compared to a year ago, nonagricultural wage and salary employment is up 20,850 workers as manufacturing has lost 2,650 jobs while nonmanufacturing gained 23,500. Electrical products lost 1,050 jobs during the year while services gained 7,350, trade 5,600 and construction 5,200.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment increased by 550 from June as the rate went from 2.8 to 3.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 4.4 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 1,350 from June, but increased by 850 from a year ago. While manufacturing lost 1,500 jobs during the year, nonmanufacturing gained 2,350. Services is up 1,000 workers from the year ago level.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased slightly from June as the unemployment rate remained at 3.5 percent. A year ago the rate was 4.7 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 450 from June, but is up 800 from the year ago level. Manufacturing lost 250 jobs during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 1,050. Trade is up 400 and services 300 over last year's level.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA***					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	Month	Year	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	Month	Year	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	576,060	571,730	552,960	4,330	23,100	81,850	82,590	82,090	-740	-240	89,770	90,490	89,750	-720	20
2. Unemployment	21,550	18,330	28,290	3,220	-6,740	2,880	2,330	3,620	550	-740	3,180	3,210	4,200	-30	-1,020
Percent of labor force	3.7	3.2	5.1	xxx	xxx	3.5	2.8	4.4	xxx	xxx	3.5	3.5	4.7	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	554,510	553,400	524,670	1,110	29,840	78,970	80,260	78,470	-1,290	500	86,590	87,280	85,550	-690	1,040
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	491,700	494,700	470,850	-3,000	20,850	80,150	81,500	79,300	-1,350	850	84,150	84,600	83,350	-450	800
Manufacturing	117,150	121,200	119,800	-4,050	-2,650	13,450	14,450	14,950	-1,000	-1,500	36,650	36,900	36,900	-250	-250
Durable goods	82,000	83,600	82,550	-1,600	- 550	8,200	8,750	8,900	- 550	- 700	30,450	30,650	30,800	-200	-350
Lumber & wood prods.	5,600	5,850	5,800	-250	- 200										
Furniture & fixtures	1,550	1,750	1,350	-200	200										
Stone & clay prods.	3,000	3,100	3,050	-100	- 50										
Primary metal prods.	4,400	4,450	4,200	- 50	200										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,550	7,000	7,150	-450	- 600				Machinery And Electrical Products Combined						
Machinery (exc. elec.)	25,850	26,050	25,450	-200	400	4,600	5,100	5,450	- 500	- 850	23,150	23,200	23,250	- 50	-100
Electrical prods.	23,700	23,950	24,750	-250	-1,050										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,100	2,150	2,200	- 50	- 100										
Other durables	9,250	9,300	8,600	- 50	650	3,600	3,650	3,450	- 50	150	7,300	7,450	7,550	-150	-250
Nondurable goods	35,150	37,600	37,250	-2,450	-2,100	5,250	5,700	6,050	- 450	- 800	6,200	6,250	6,100	- 50	100
Food & kindred prods.	3,100	3,300	3,050	-200	50										
Textile mill prods.	3,400	3,600	3,250	-200	150	1,000	1,500	1,450	- 500	- 450					
Apparel	2,150	2,450	2,350	-300	- 200										
Paper & allied prods.	5,500	5,600	5,600	-100	- 100										
Print., pub. & allied	7,000	7,050	7,250	- 50	- 250										
Leather & lea. prods.	3,900	5,200	5,250	-1,300	-1,350										
Other nondurables	10,100	10,400	10,500	- 300	- 400	4,250	4,200	4,600	50	- 350					
Nonmanufacturing	374,550	373,500	351,050	1,050	23,500	66,700	67,050	64,350	- 350	2,350	47,500	47,700	46,450	-200	1,050
Construction (inc. min.)	39,650	39,150	34,450	500	5,200	5,650	5,450	5,100	200	550	4,150	4,100	4,150	50	0
Trans., comm. & util.	15,500	16,000	15,500	- 500	0	4,950	4,900	4,800	50	150	2,050	2,200	2,000	-150	50
Trade	122,300	120,450	116,700	1,850	5,600	21,300	21,350	21,300	- 50	0	17,700	16,950	17,300	750	400
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,350	28,000	25,850	350	2,500	7,600	7,550	7,150	50	450	2,800	2,850	2,700	- 50	100
Service industry & other	111,400	108,300	104,050	3,100	7,350	19,700	19,900	18,700	- 200	1,000	15,350	15,350	15,050	0	300
Government	57,350	61,600	54,500	-4,250	2,850	7,500	7,900	7,300	- 400	200	5,450	6,250	5,250	-800	200
Federal	8,100	8,100	7,750	0	350	2,350	2,350	2,250	0	100	800	800	750	0	50
State	15,550	15,800	15,600	- 250	- 50	800	850	850	- 50	- 50	200	200	200	0	0
Local	33,700	37,700	31,150	-4,000	2,550	4,350	4,700	4,200	- 350	150	4,450	5,250	4,300	-800	150

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
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*** Not Validated By The Bureau Of Labor Statistics

Labor Disputes:

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

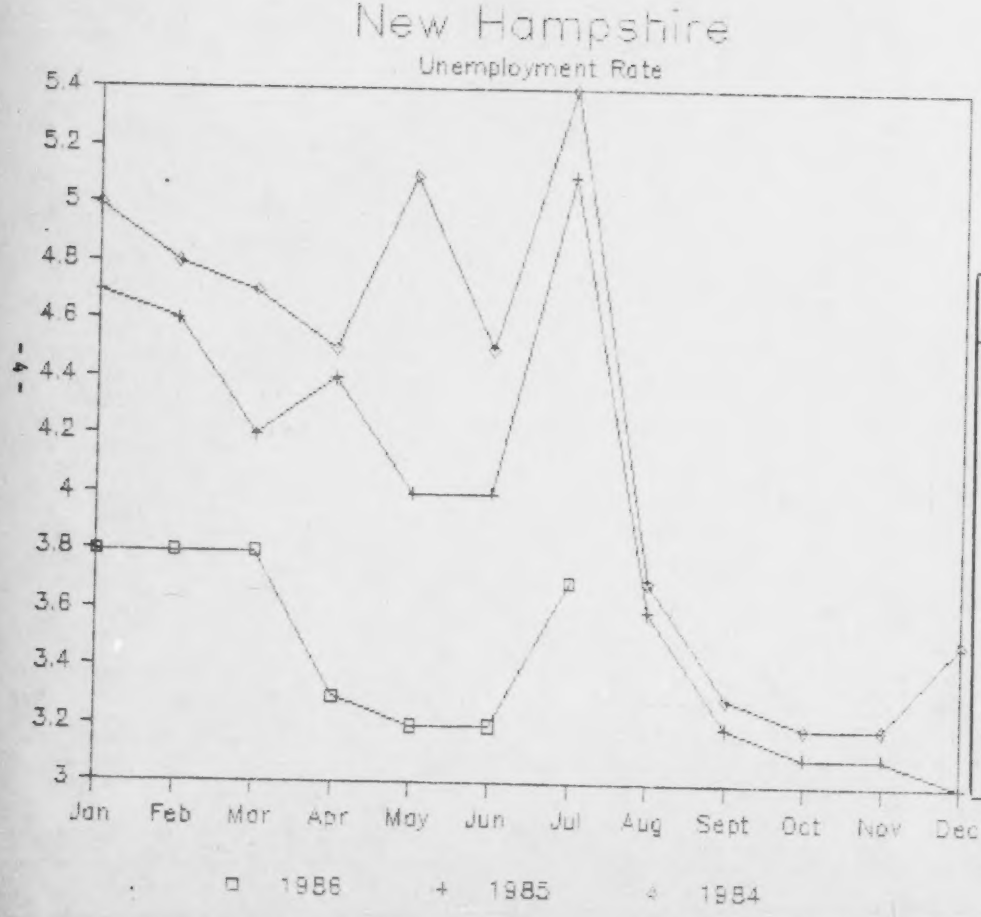
Area	Unemployment*								Civilian Labor Force				
	July 1986		June 1986		July 1985		Numerical Change From Previous		July	June	July	Numerical Change From Previous	
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	1986	1986	1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	8,471	7.0	8,443	7.1	8,682	7.4	28	-211	111,832	109,673	117,536	2,159	-5,704
NEW HAMPSHIRE	21,550	3.7	18,330	3.2	28,290	5.1	3,220	-6,740	576,060	571,730	552,960	4,330	23,100
BERLIN LMA	780	2.9	770	3.0	1,080	4.3	10	-300	26,750	25,790	24,870	960	1,880
CLAREMONT LMA	920	2.3	970	2.5	1,210	3.3	-50	-290	39,750	39,140	36,390	610	3,360
CONCORD LMA	1,270	2.5	1,150	2.2	1,730	3.6	120	-460	51,180	51,530	47,530	-350	3,650
KEENE LMA	1,270	3.1	1,090	2.6	1,800	4.6	180	-530	41,560	41,260	38,920	300	2,640
LACONIA LMA	1,570	2.8	1,100	2.1	2,420	4.6	470	-850	56,250	52,830	52,840	3,420	3,410
LITTLETON LMA	840	4.4	550	3.1	1,170	6.7	290	-330	18,890	17,950	17,390	940	1,500
MANCHESTER MSA	2,880	3.5	2,330	2.8	3,620	4.4	550	-740	81,850	82,590	82,090	-740	-240
NASHUA PMSA	3,180	3.5	3,210	3.5	4,200	4.7	-30	-1,020	89,770	90,490	89,750	-720	20
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,860	6.6	3,160	7.0	3,130	7.5	-300	-270	43,630	44,910	41,900	-1,280	1,730
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	5,250	3.9	3,500	2.7	6,980	5.4	1,750	-1,730	133,330	130,890	128,370	2,440	4,960
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	910	5.0	670	3.5	1,110	6.6	240	-200	18,320	19,010	16,730	-690	1,590
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	250	5.2	140	3.0	310	6.8	110	-60	4,800	4,740	4,570	60	230
County													
BELKNAP	900	3.1	580	2.1	1,580	5.8	320	-680	28,720	27,000	27,230	1,720	1,490
CARROLL	330	1.8	330	1.8	580	3.4	0	-250	18,560	17,860	17,300	700	1,260
CHESHIRE	1,190	3.2	1,010	2.7	1,690	4.8	180	-500	37,230	36,940	34,890	290	2,340
COOS	870	3.9	780	3.6	1,080	5.2	90	-210	22,450	21,570	20,770	880	1,680
GRAFTON	1,230	3.0	930	2.3	1,640	4.3	300	-410	41,340	39,700	38,060	1,640	3,280
HILLSBOROUGH	6,180	3.6	5,520	3.2	8,120	4.7	660	-1,940	172,510	173,990	171,400	-1,480	1,110
MERRIMACK	1,530	2.5	1,350	2.2	1,950	3.4	180	-420	61,430	61,190	57,470	240	3,960
ROCKINGHAM	5,590	4.9	5,540	4.8	6,590	6.0	50	-1,000	114,080	115,530	109,600	-1,450	4,480
STRAFFORD	3,140	5.3	1,700	2.9	4,250	7.4	1,440	-1,110	59,080	57,630	57,250	1,450	1,830
SULLIVAN	590	2.9	590	2.9	810	4.3	0	-220	20,660	20,320	18,990	340	1,670

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.



AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month - July	322.9			
Percent change from year ago	1.2			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month - July	328.0			
Percent change from year ago	1.6			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES BY SPECIFIC HIGH TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY GROUPINGS

1985

	High Tech Mfg Ind	High Tech Group I	High Tech Group II	High Tech Group III
NEW HAMPSHIRE				
First Quarter				
Average Employ.	62,055	82,176	35,180	53,792
Total Wages	$372,711,343	$505,145,151	$214,625,732	$318,627,341
Ave. Wkly. Wages	$462.01	$472.85	$469.29	$455.64
Second Quarter				
Average Employ.	61,440	83,061	34,596	53,067
Total Wages	$369,321,876	$512,636,414	$218,734,111	$324,913,364
Ave. Wkly. Wages	$462.39	$474.75	$486.35	$470.98
Third Quarter				
Average Employ.	59,559	82,416	33,705	51,600
Total Wages	$348,826,962	$500,844,064	$213,361,766	$309,178,055
Ave. Wkly. Wages	$450.53	$467.46	$486.94	$460.91
Fourth Quarter				
Average Employ.	59,520	82,427	33,580	51,298
Total Wages	$379,459,934	$548,926,712	$226,088,129	$331,347,762
Ave. Wkly. Wages	$490.41	$512.27	$517.91	$496.87
Annual Average				
4 Q Units	523	2,569	182	693
Average Employ.	60,644	82,520	34,265	52,439
Total Wages	$1,470,320,015	$2,067,552,341	$872,809,738	$1,284,066,522
Ave. Wkly. Wages	$466.25	$481.83	$489.85	$470.90

See following page for definitions.

Table 4. High Technology Industries as Defined According to the Standard Industrial Classification

(in thousands)

SIC	INDUSTRY	High-tech group		
		I	II	III
131	Crude petroleum and natural gas	X		
162	Heavy construction, except highway and street	X		
281	Industrial inorganic chemicals	X		X
282	Plastic materials and synthetics	X		X
283	Drugs	X	X	X
284	Soaps, cleaners, and toilet preparations	X		X
285	Paints and allied products	X		X
286	Industrial organic chemicals	X		X
287	Agricultural chemicals	X		X
289	Miscellaneous chemical products	X		X
291	Petroleum refining	X		X
301	Tires and inner tubes	X		
324	Cement, hydraulic	X		
348	Ordnance and accessories	X		X
351	Engines and turbines	X		X
352	Farm and garden machinery	X		
353	Construction, mining, and material handling machinery	X		
354	Metalworking machinery	X		
355	Special industry machinery, except metalworking	X		X
356	General industrial machinery	X		
357	Office, computing, and accounting machines	X	X	X
358	Refrigeration and service industry machinery	X		
361	Electric transmission and distribution equipment	X		X
362	Electrical industrial apparatus	X		X
363	Household appliances	X		
364	Electric lighting and wiring equipment	X		
365	Radio and TV receiving equipment	X		X
366	Communication equipment	X	X	X
367	Electronic components and accessories	X	X	X
369	Miscellaneous electrical machinery	X		X
371	Motor vehicles and equipment	X		
372	Aircraft and parts	X	X	X
376	Guided missiles and space vehicles	X	X	X
381	Engineering, laboratory, scientific, and research instruments	X		X
382	Measuring and controlling instruments	X		X
383	Optical instruments and lenses	X		X
384	Surgical, medical, and dental instruments	X		X
386	Photographic equipment and supplies	X		X
483	Radio and TV broadcasting	X		
489	Communication services, n.e.c. 2/	X		
491	Electric services	X		
493	Combination electric, gas and other utility services	X		
506	Wholesale trade, electrical goods	X		
508	Wholesale trade, machinery, equipment, and supplies	X		
737	Computer and data processing services	X		X
7391	Research and development laboratories	X		X
891	Engineering, architectural, and surveying services	X		
892	Noncommercial educational, scientific and research organizations	X		

1/ Group I. Includes industries with a proportion of technology-oriented workers (engineers, life and physical scientists, mathematical specialists, engineering and science technicians and computer specialists) at least 1.5 times the average for all industries.

Group II. Includes industries with a ratio of R&D expenditures to net sales at least twice the average for all industries.

Group III. Includes manufacturing industries with a proportion of technology-oriented workers equal to or greater than the average for all manufacturing industries, and a ratio of R&D expenditures to sales close to or above the average for all industries. Two nonmanufacturing industries which provide technical support to high-tech manufacturing industries are also included.

2/ Not elsewhere classified.

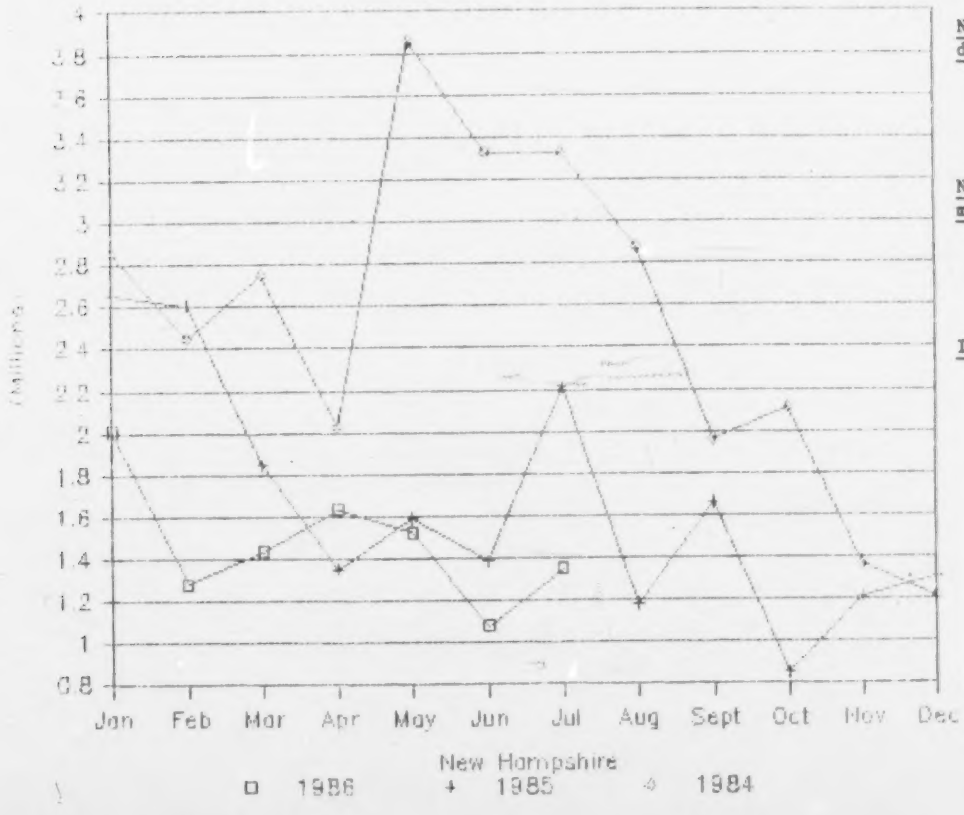
Weekly Claims Filed During July
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	5,376	15,656	9	45	8	30	30	75	35	40
Berlin	201	512	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Claremont	184	376	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0
Concord	327	809	2	2	0	0	1	2	3	4
Conway	49	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	1,227	2,627	1	7	3	11	7	15	9	11
Keene	269	825	2	10	0	2	5	12	2	4
Laconia	267	845	1	1	0	0	2	12	2	1
Lebanon	42	144	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Littleton	201	657	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	0
Manchester	1,063	2,515	1	6	1	0	4	8	10	1
Nashua	566	1,732	1	5	1	4	5	9	2	1
Portsmouth	624	2,109	0	6	1	0	4	7	4	6
Salem	140	549	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Liable Interstate	216	1,829	1	8	0	0	0	2	2	11

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $116.97

Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$133,415,295.14



Net contributions received during month:

$ 3,950,522.56

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,349,912.73

Interest Received:

0

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
All manufacturing	$355.45	$358.90	$337.11	40.3	41.3	39.8	$8.82	$8.69	$8.47
Durable goods	359.50	369.88	344.12	39.9	41.7	39.6	9.01	8.87	8.69
Lumber & wood prods.	257.18	276.21	242.17	37.6	40.5	37.2	6.84	6.82	6.51
Furniture & fixtures	277.81	283.35	287.89	38.8	39.3	39.6	7.16	7.21	7.27
Stone & clay prods.	348.10	351.12	323.42	42.4	41.8	41.2	8.21	8.40	7.85
Primary metal prods.	398.66	404.71	366.38	44.1	43.1	40.8	9.04	9.39	8.98
Fab. metal prods.	336.16	352.23	294.88	38.2	39.8	38.0	8.80	8.85	7.76
Mach. (exc. elec.)	382.22	395.10	372.86	41.5	43.9	41.8	9.21	9.00	8.92
Electrical prods.	381.75	400.03	371.14	38.6	41.8	38.5	9.89	9.57	9.64
Miscellaneous prods.	273.98	269.35	248.12	38.0	38.7	37.2	7.21	6.96	6.67
Other durables	362.40	354.82	364.18	40.0	39.6	40.6	9.06	8.96	8.97
Nondurable goods	348.14	336.56	322.81	41.2	40.5	40.2	8.45	8.31	8.03
Food & kindred prods.	423.04	403.50	403.43	43.3	41.3	42.2	9.77	9.77	9.56
Textile mill prods.	308.15	309.26	267.67	40.6	40.8	37.7	7.59	7.58	7.10
Apparel	228.69	226.80	201.64	38.5	37.8	35.5	5.94	6.00	5.68
Paper & allied prods.	492.00	468.98	443.16	49.2	48.1	47.6	10.00	9.75	9.31
Print., pub. & allied	351.94	355.74	325.26	37.6	38.5	39.0	9.36	9.24	8.34
Leather & lea. prods.	224.25	203.99	204.61	39.0	35.6	36.8	5.75	5.73	5.56
Footwear	217.01	188.81	189.80	39.6	34.9	36.5	5.48	5.41	5.20
Other nondurables	346.93	353.83	350.27	40.2	41.0	40.4	8.63	8.63	8.67

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 48%

Total Production Workers: 79,350

Firms Reporting: 329

Manchester MSA*

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
All manufacturing	$345.47	$356.53	$328.94	38.6	40.7	39.3	$8.95	$8.76	$8.37
Durable goods	370.18	371.99	358.27	38.4	39.7	39.5	9.64	9.37	9.07
Mach. & elec. prods.	363.26	381.64	361.17	38.4	40.6	39.3	9.46	9.40	9.19
Other durables	378.46	360.52	354.22	38.5	36.6	39.8	9.83	9.34	8.90
Nondurable goods	305.37	330.49	289.69	38.9	42.1	39.2	7.85	7.85	7.39
Textiles & apparel	270.18	298.08	246.47	39.5	40.5	37.4	6.84	7.36	6.59
Other nondurables	312.70	342.45	302.51	38.7	42.7	39.7	8.08	8.02	7.62

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 51%

Total Production Workers: 9,850

Firms Reporting: 44

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
All manufacturing	$387.21	$396.41	$397.19	38.3	39.8	39.6	$10.11	$9.96	$10.03
Durable goods	385.32	397.01	404.61	38.0	39.9	40.1	10.14	9.95	10.09
Mach. & elec. prods.	399.20	417.12	435.11	37.1	39.5	39.7	10.76	10.56	10.96
Other durables	348.53	349.73	332.10	40.2	41.0	41.0	8.67	8.53	8.10
Nondurable goods	400.00	394.00	367.35	40.0	39.4	37.6	10.00	10.00	9.77

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 21,300

Firms Reporting: 69

* Not Validated By The Bureau Of Labor Statistics

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending July 31, 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	9,820	4,496	1,835	894	814	393
Prof., Tech. (00-16)						
Managerial (18,19)	1,518	508	230	90	220	71
Clerical (20-24)	1,797	1,506	329	258	170	135
Sales (25-29)	542	287	99	44	42	25
Services (3)	1,500	890	235	140	85	54
Farm (4)	97	9	14	1	5	0
Processing (5)	157	49	40	10	23	3
Machine Trade (6)	807	259	191	78	49	16
Benchwork (7)	934	671	276	204	85	59
Structural (8)	1,559	101	235	21	66	6
Miscellaneous (9)	876	203	182	46	64	21
Unclassified	33	13	4	2	5	3

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	July 1986	June 1986	July 1, 1986 TO July 31, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,900	2,645	2,900
Total nonagricultural job openings received	2,565	2,565	2,256
Job openings unfilled end of month	2,507	2,635	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	990	1,068	990